

WAISTLINES NOW NORMAL

A DIRECT RESULT OF FULL
SKIRTS AND HIPPED-IN
CORSETS.

Blue Taffeta a Favored Fabric.

New York, June 12.—For the first time in three long years waistlines return to their normal place. A logical review of the past few months discloses two distinct reasons for this change in fashion: first, the full skirt, and second, the corset. It is not surprising that the waistline crept about when corsets were trico and the silhouettes straight up and down; but now that skirts are voluminous and corsets real stays, nipped in at the sides, the joining of the waist and skirt naturally comes at the smallest part of the form, namely, the waistline, as nature placed it.

It has taken many months to bring about the evolution, and even yet there are those who are loath to give up their stay-belts and back to nature corsets. When Joseph, in the early season, exhibited silk frocks with normal waistlines, many admired this couturiere's courage; but few recognized the step as a style prediction so soon to be realized.

Today, smart frocks have trim waists, definitely marked. Whether you are summering at Hopatcong, escaping the heat at a beach resort, or passing the early season in town, it is impossible to be oblivious to this one feature, at least, of the mode. Again and again, fashion repeats herself in the ever prevalent blue taffeta dress. Wherever the New Yorker goes, you see it. If any one thinks she can dodge the clothes issue by packing up and hiking off to the country, the mountains or the shore, she is sadly but surely mistaken. In the Adirondacks you will find all the style of the Avenue. There are the girls with their summer furs, wide sailor hats and Japanese parasols, transplanted whole from New York, without the veneer of style spoiled or blemished.

white, and even dark blue gloves in gauntlet style have been introduced. But these are not as popular as the white silk gloves, finished with the Queen Elizabeth frills, and worn on the outside of the dress; for even blue, to be really chic, must have a dash of white for contrast.

The fancy for the popular blue will be restricted, however, by the shortage of dye material in this country. One manufacturer made the statement that we may be thankful to get any color at all if the war continues; and this, no doubt, accounts for the makers of silks trying to force black-and-white effects for mid-summer and fall. Already we are seeing, here and there, in these new, normal waistline dresses, smart black-and-white effects. One silk manufacturer is showing a great variety of Grecian designs in black and white, and black and gold. So unusual and original are the patterns, that they have taken the trouble to have each copyrighted, lest manufacturers of inferior materials duplicate the designs. If this house successfully launches these silks on the market, and from their record in past seasons they undoubtedly will, women will soon be wearing frocks with silhouetted Dicky birds and checker-boards the conspicuous theme of the material.

This dying and manufacturing question, however, is a chapter by itself. After all, what does it matter whether the dresses with their new-found waistlines are white, black or colored, so long as the result is what the French term "chic?"

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When a girl marries a good fellow she sentences herself to a hard time.



One of the New Normal Waistline Frocks Made in the Popular Blue Taffeta.

At one hotel, three hours by bus from the station, a girl from the metropolis wore a taffeta frock that literally followed letter for letter the Victorian mode. It was made of the perpetual blue taffeta with waist normal, and skirt sectional, formed of seven tiers, each successive tier fuller than the one before, gathered at the top and corded to the section above; the bodice was plain save for an inverted V-shaped vest of organdy, and a soft organdy collar; this was a product of a New York dressmaker, perfect so far as style was concerned.

So incessant is the demand for blue taffeta for these dresses that the stores have difficulty in keeping it in stock. The craze is apparent in every department. Hats are of the French sailor type; on these the brim is slightly wider at one side than on the other, and they are worn a trifle tilted. Of blue straw, blue taffeta, or blue French crepe, they are trimmed with wings, a single bead ornament, or gauze flowers, wired in shape. Pumps are shown in navy blue leather, smartly piped in

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